



# EVERGLADE KITE

## NEWSLETTER

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## Bird of the Month: Great Blue Heron

by Clive & Celecia Pinnock

The Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*) is the largest and the most widely distributed of the North American herons. It is recognized by its long brownish green legs, a sinuous neck (which is held in an “S” shape in flight), and a thick yellow dagger-like bill. Its sometimes shaggy appearance is due to its head, chest and wing plumes. The sexes are similar with bluish-gray backs and wings, scapular plumes, black shoulder patches, and blackish tails. There is also a white morph (the Great White Heron) found in southern Florida, which is slightly larger and entirely white.

Great Blue Herons are found in saltwater and freshwater habitats, from open coasts, marshes,

sloughs, riverbanks, and lakes to backyard goldfish ponds. They may also be found foraging in grasslands and agricultural fields. They eat almost anything within striking range, including fish, amphibians (frogs and salamanders), reptiles (turtles and small snakes), small mammals (rodents), insects and other birds. They grab small prey in their strong beaks or use their dagger-like bills to impale large fish, often shaking them to break or relax sharp spines before swallowing the fish whole.

Their hunting strategies include standing still or walking slowly in shallow water, waiting for fish to swim nearby, at which point they strike with a

rapid thrust of their bill. Other strategies include foraging on shore, from floating objects like floating logs and branches, and in grasslands. They may also hunt by day or night.

They nest mainly in trees but will also nest on the ground, on bushes, in mangroves, and on man-made structures such as duck blinds, channel markers or artificial nest platforms.

Photographers – please note that next month’s June bird of the month is the DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT.

## UPCOMING TRIPS MAY 2018

Always check the website calendar for details, registration links and last minute changes. Unless otherwise specified, trips are "Just Show Up."

**02 WED (8A-10A) Seacrest Scrub**  
(Sue Young)

**05 SAT (7A-12P) STA-1E**   
(Rick Schofield, coord.)

**06 SUN (9A-11A) Snook Islands**  
(Gael Silverblatt)

**12 SAT (6:30A-12:30P) Pelagic**   
(Rick Schofield)

**18 FRI (5P-7P) Green Cay**  
(Valleri Brauer)

## TRIP KEY

### EFFORT/DIFFICULTY

- Easy:** Boardwalk or paved level surface; or birding mainly from bike / boat / auto
- Moderate:** Improved trail; dirt and uneven surfaces
- Challenging:** Improved or unimproved trail; uneven, rocky, and/or wet surfaces

### DISTANCE

- Sitting/Driving:** no walking required
- Short:** less than 1 mile
- Medium:** 1-1.5 miles
- Long:** more than 1.5 miles

### OTHER

- New and/or unique trips
- Family-friendly
- There is an associated cost
- Handicap Accessible
- Advance registration required
- Audubon Everglades member priority

## SPECIAL EVENT

by Vicki Rogerson

**Wednesday, May 16, 7PM at The Carole and Barry Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium on the FAU campus in Boca Raton; doors open at 6PM.**

I urge you to join us for an evening with Doug Tallamy. Audubon Everglades, the Atala Chapter of the North American Butterfly Association, FAU Pine Jog Environmental Education Center, Mounts Botanical Garden of Palm Beach County, and the Palm Beach County Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society have teamed together to bring Doug Tallamy to Palm Beach County for a life-changing event you will never forget.

[Purchase Tickets for the May 16 Evening Event](#)  
[Program Event Flyer](#)

# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

May 2018

by Gerry Felipe

I am honored and excited for this opportunity to take the helm of this vibrant organization. Audubon Everglades is a strong voice in the community for birds and conservation, and I plan to carry on that tradition. Now, more than ever, with the attack on

the migratory bird treaty, we need to stand and be heard. We must take action, and our loyal members are crucial to this mission. Thank you for your participation, and thanks for trusting me.

## GERRY FELIPE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF AUDUBON EVERGLADES

by Sheila Hollihan-Elliot

Gerry Felipe was elected President for a two-year term at Audubon Everglades' Annual Meeting April 3. He replaces Paton White, outgoing President, who served for 2 terms. Gerry is especially eager to expand the digital social media capability of Audubon Everglades and to attract more "millennials" like him to join in the conservation and birding activities of the organization. *"I want to help educate others about the conservation of our wilderness and the importance of birds. I also hope to spread my passion for nature and how its future correlates with our own."*

### About Gerry Felipe:

Gerry has been an at-large member of the Audubon Everglades Board of Directors and is assisting it with his technology expertise, providing sound and audio-visual improvements at the monthly programs widely attended by the public. He has helped the photography club use new software for their competitions.



Photo: Gerry Felipe

Gerry was born in Cuba and came to Florida at age 5. He began his career in IT 12 years ago in Miami and now works as a systems administrator. He has also worked at various nonprofits and has played electric guitar in bands throughout South Florida.

Owls are the favorite birds of both Gerry and his wife Sheri, a graphic designer, and they have traveled widely in search of sub-species in addition to those found in Palm Beach County. Their energy and dedication to birds and the environment are contagious.

## Profile: Susan McKemy

by Kristen Murtaugh



I thoroughly enjoyed my recent interview lunch with Susan McKemy, Vice President of Audubon Everglades. What a dynamo! And what an interesting background in terms of education and life experience!

Susan was born in Lexington, Virginia, a small town in the Shenandoah Valley. Except for a few years in Baltimore and Oklahoma, she spent most of her childhood and teen years in Lexington. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics from Mary Baldwin College, a small women's liberal arts college in Staunton, Virginia. During her college years Susan engaged in various summer activities, including directing the recreational program at a 4-H camp one summer and doing externships at NASA Langley Research Center in Norfolk. In 1980 she won a prestigious Governor's Fellowship to graduate school at the University of Virginia, where she studied Systems Engineering. The only female student in her class, Susan earned her Master of Engineering in one year.

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# Monthly MEETING and LECTURE: “Roseate Spoonbills in Florida Bay: Pink Canaries in a Coal Mine”

**Dr. Jerome J. Lorenz, Research Director-Audubon of Florida and  
Primary Investigator - Florida Bay Estuarine Research Project**

by Gail Tomei

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**Tuesday, May 1, meeting & lecture 7PM**

Meeting and program are free and open to the public. Doors open at 6:30PM for light refreshments, in rooms 101 and 102 at FAU Pine Jog Environmental Education Center, 6301 Summit Blvd (near Jog Road) in West Palm Beach. We look forward to seeing you there!

Come hear Dr. Lorenz present the latest on Florida's remarkable Roseate Spoonbills. Connecting Audubon's 80-year record on spoonbill nesting patterns in Florida Bay and his personal experience studying the fish on which spoonbills feed, he will tell the story of how the human population explosion in southern Florida has had a multilevel effect on spoonbills. During the development boom, seemingly unrelated events reduced the spoonbill's foraging habitats in domino like fashion, resulting in a dramatic decline in spoonbill nesting success that continues today. His most recent work banding and tracking spoonbills finally explains why it took so long for spoonbills to recover from the "Gilded Age" plume hunting and why spoonbills in Florida Bay continue to decline while most other wading birds in the Everglades are increasing. Dr. Lorenz demonstrates how the destruction of wetlands for urban and agricultural use has not only endangered spoonbills, but also myriad other creatures and entire ecosystems. These ecosystems drive our tourist-based economy. Like the canary in a coal mine, Roseate Spoonbills are letting us know that there is something drastically wrong with our environment and that continued runaway development will not only ruin our remaining wilderness areas but our lifestyle as well.

## **About Jerome J. Lorenz:**

Jerome J. Lorenz, PhD, is Research Director of Audubon of Florida and Primary Investigator for the Florida Bay Estuarine Research Project. He received a BS in biology from Northern Kentucky University in 1987 and a Master's Degree in Zoology from Miami University (Oxford, OH) in 1990. Since 1989

Jerry has been a staff scientist for the Audubon Society, and since 1992 he has been the primary investigator of National Audubon's Florida Bay Estuarine Research Project. This project focuses on the impact of water management in the southern Everglades on the coastal ecosystems of Florida Bay. Specifically, the project examines the linkages between fresh water deliveries from the Everglades, the abundance of aquatic plants and prey fishes, and the success of nesting Roseate Spoonbills. In August 2000, Jerry received a Ph.D. in Marine Biology and Fisheries from the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences. His dissertation was awarded the Smith Prize for the outstanding dissertation of the year by the Rosenstiel faculty. Upon completion of his Ph.D., Jerry became Research Director at Audubon of Florida's Tavernier Science Center. In 2005, he became the state research director for Audubon of Florida. He serves as a member of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council and is a founding member of the Florida Oceans and Coastal Resources Council.

Also at the meeting, our expert, Clive Pincock, will speak about the May Bird of the Month, the Great Blue Heron.



Photo: Dr Lorenz banding a juvenile Roseate Spoonbill



Photo: Roseate Spoonbill (c) 2015 Susan Faulkner Davis, All rights reserved.

## **SINK OR SWIM: FLORIDA'S LEGISLATIVE SESSION WRAP-UP**

by Scott Zucker

The Florida 2018 Legislative Session is officially over. A number of bills of interest to Audubon Everglades safely made it to shore while others went down in the wake. The biggest winner for the environment coming out of the session is the \$100.8 million appropriated this year for the group of programs that make up Florida Forever, including \$77 million for environmentally endangered lands such as state parks, wildlife management areas, and state forests. Unfortunately, a bill by Senator Bradley that would have provided future funding for the Florida Forever program never reached the house floor.

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Systems Engineers apply a systems approach to complex problem-solving. During her studies, Susan had paid internships at BDM and upon graduation went to work for them full time. She worked on government contracts, designing and building computer systems. At the end of their contract with BDM, TRW hired her away. Susan enjoyed systems engineering, studying and sorting through complex problems to find ways to make them more efficient. Her role was to translate user needs into concepts that builders could understand. She worked on projects as diverse as developing systems for joint military deployments and providing data communication to the many agencies of the Department of Treasury. Susan worked in systems engineering for 20 years and moved to Florida almost 20 years ago to be with the man she would eventually marry, a man whom she had dated on and off since high school! Now Susan puts her systems engineering skills to work as a professional organizer to individuals and offices, helping people make their processes and workflow more efficient, and teaching them how to get their important paperwork such as contracts, insurance papers, etc. in order.

When I asked Susan to tell me about her passions and interests, her eyes really twinkled, and she said emphatically, "I love adventure!" Susan loves to laugh, and she loves to learn new and interesting things. She loves to travel and see new countries, an interest she developed the year her family spent in Oklahoma on an army base, where she met people from all over the world. She loves to surprise people, and she and her sisters enjoy creating treasure hunts when giving gifts to family members. Susan is competitive. She loved sports but there were no competitive sports for women in her high school. When she was out of school, she took up snow ski racing and excelled. She

reached the Citizens Level and won skiing equipment, medals and trophies including the Governor's Cup in both Maryland and West Virginia as the "fastest woman" in snow ski racing. She took a month off from work and went to New Zealand for two weeks of snow ski race training. Stepping way out of her comfort zone, she also went black water rafting through the underground Glow Worm Caves of New Zealand. She bungee jumped off the Kawarau bridge outside Queenstown NZ, where it originated in 1989, a time when no one in the U.S. knew what it was. Susan has also competed successfully in ballroom dancing.

I asked Susan how she got interested in birding. Her interest in birding is relatively recent, about 2011-12, and it originated from the strong interest she has had in photography since taking a class as a senior in college. Someone told her about an early morning photography session at Wakodahatchee and she went with her new DSLR. She was struck by the different birds she saw that morning and started studying her pictures and finding out what the birds were. Her first outing with an Audubon group was to STA 5, which was, of course, amazing. She began attending chapter meetings and going on more bird trips. She asked people about birds and took Cornell Lab Ornithology classes online. Painted Buntings visit her bird feeders, Red-bellied Woodpeckers nest in her yard, and she once had a pair of Screech Owls in a dead palm tree. Her favorite bird might be the Bald Eagle. She was mesmerized by the scream of the educational Bald Eagle she met at an Audubon Assembly in Martin County, and she monitors a couple of nests for Audubon Florida's Eagle Watch. Another favorite is, of course, the American Flamingo. For the last few years Susan has organized and overseen the schedule of Audubon Everglade trips to STA 2 to look for the flamingos. This is a big job and has been an enormous volunteer gift of Susan's time

and attention to our chapter members. In 2016 Susan was interviewed by NBC reporter Kerry Sanders for a segment which aired on the Today Show on the return of flamingos to our region. Susan's terrific interview gave Audubon Everglades excellent media exposure.

Susan is starting her third two-year term as Vice President of Audubon Everglades. She sees her role as a connector and catalyst for continued healthy growth of the organization, through enhancing its communications and identifying new people with new talents to contribute to the Board and to the chapter. She is proud of the support she gave to the branding process, to the development of the chapter's Facebook page (2000+ people from everywhere have "liked" the page!), and to the more modern and professional level of the newsletter and brochures. Susan is enthusiastic about the diversity and dedication to the chapter's mission of the new people stepping up to take ownership and responsibility.

Like all the volunteer leaders whom I have interviewed for this column, Susan brings enthusiasm and dedication to Audubon Everglades and respect and appreciation for her colleagues. In talking to her about her life experiences, it was clear that she puts her all into every commitment she makes and aims a laser focus on her goals. I asked Susan if she had a vision of where the chapter would be at the end of her next two-year term. She sees the website completely redone by then and the installation of software systems that will integrate payment for events and memberships, making the process smoother for both users and the chapter. The Board is currently evaluating Customer Resource management (CRM) products. Sounds like the kind of project for a Systems Engineer! Many thanks to Susan for all you do for Audubon Everglades!

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## Project Perch and Florida Burrowing Owls in Palm Beach County Need Help

by Susan Faulkner Davis

Audubon Everglades began to collaborate with South Florida Audubon Society's Project Perch just over a year ago. The goal is to find and help the Florida Burrowing Owls in Palm Beach County as growth devours the open grassland habitat and vacant lots they need to thrive and raise families.

Burrowing Owls are still in residence at FAU, and there are small colonies at Palm Beach International and Boca Raton Executive Airports. A few Palm Beach County schools provide haven for an owl

family or two. We know there are more, but the owls have proved to be elusive.

The great need is to locate our remaining owls. We need volunteers willing to learn about their beneficial raptor neighbors. The volunteers will then share this knowledge at community events/festivals/schools and, at the same time, ask people in the community if and where they have seen these little owls.

We can help to protect our owls by providing safe artificial burrows in safe places. This approach has worked in the more than ten years that South Florida Audubon has used Project Perch to protect the owls in Broward County. Their population has slowly expanded.

I will be leaving South Florida, and I am looking for people who are willing to volunteer to care for these charismatic, threatened birds. Please contact me, [Susan Davis](#).



Photo: Senator Bradley and Scott Zucker: Senator Bradley, who sponsored SB 370, which would have provided long term funding for Florida Forever, seen here at the 2017 Audubon Assembly with Audubon Everglades Vice President, Scott Zucker.

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Everglades Restoration was also a winner. \$248.1 million was appropriated for protecting and restoring the Everglades, including \$111.1 million for implementing the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, \$64 million for the Everglades Agricultural Area reservoir, which was authorized last year, and \$32 million for water quality improvement

in the Everglades as part of the state's restoration strategies.

Unfortunately, dead in the water are bills that would have banned fracking and plastic bags on coastal communities, a bill that would have forced the Governor to fill vacancies on the Environmental

Regulation Commission, and a bill requiring state and local governments to work with wastewater utilities to develop septic system remediation plans if DEP finds that septic system pollution is getting in the way of meeting water quality goals.

Other losers that we happily watched drown are bills that would have weakened checks on sprawling development and weakened local land use ordinances and a bill that would have stripped local community control over tree regulation.

A bill of concern to environmental advocates that unfortunately survived the turbulence will shift responsibility for Clean Water Act permitting and enforcement from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, which could potentially mean weakened protection for Florida wetlands.

Finally, Governor Scott surprised environmentalists by vetoing the "Toilet-to-Tap" bill, which would have allowed treated human wastewater to be pumped into the aquifer. He explained his veto in a double negative head-scratcher in his letter: "After thoroughly reviewing HB 1149, I am not convinced that this legislation will not muddle Florida's protection of our aquifers."

# Audubon Jay Watch Needs Volunteers for its Citizen Science Program

by Susan Faulkner Davis

Audubon Florida coordinates the Jay Watch citizen science program statewide. They train and support volunteers to conduct scientific surveys that measure annual nesting success and count the total number of Florida Scrub-Jays at more than 46 sites in 19 counties. The success of the Jay Watch program and the program's contributions to the recovery of Florida Scrub-Jays depend upon dedicated volunteer citizen scientists like you, your family, and your friends.

The Florida Scrub-Jay is the only bird that is endemic to Florida. Palm Beach County has the southernmost

population in the state, and volunteers are desperately needed to survey our local site, Jupiter Ridge Natural Area. Training will be held at Jonathan Dickinson SP, Saturday May 12.

- Contact Audubon's [Jacqui Sulek](#) for more information about our trainings.
- Join a Jay Watch survey team: contact Audubon's [Marianne Korosy](#)
- [Donate to Jay Watch](#) - support a program that directly trains volunteers, supports survey teams, and analyzes and compiles statewide

survey data for use by site managers, wildlife agencies, and researchers.

Remarkably, in 2017 alone, 267 volunteers invested over 2,600 hours sharpening their skills in onsite trainings and performing field surveys across the state. Please join us to learn more about and help protect this federally endangered bird.



# Audubon Everglades Photography Club Greet the Sunrise at Wakodahatchee

by Scott Zucker



Photo: Wakodahatchee Boardwalk: Audubon Everglades Photography Club members positioning themselves around Pond Apple trees to photograph nesting wading birds.

On April 7, Photography Club members climbed into their cars before sunrise to arrive at Wakodahatchee Wetlands for an early morning photo session with Palm Beach County's most photographed wading birds. The birds did not disappoint, greeting the photographers with splendid breeding plumage displays, expert aerial maneuvers with nest building material in tow, and nest management skills as they fed their broods of insatiable chicks. The photographers captured great images, and some of their photos will probably be on display at our April 23 Nature Open competition.

The Photography Club season concludes on May 21 with our "Best of the Best" annual end-of-the-year competition. All previous ribbon-winning photos

will automatically be entered, along with selected best images from club members. Former Audubon Everglades board member, current PBC Project Perch Leader, Audubon Photography National Award winner, and artist Susan Faulkner Davis will be our guest judge for the event.

Please join us at our next meeting or outing and make your photography more rewarding and enjoyable.

Club meetings begin at 7 PM at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 1925 Birkdale Drive, Wellington FL 33414

For more information please contact [Dr. Pete Lekos](#): 201-600-6463

## AUDUBON EVERGLADES PARTNERS WITH GREEN SCHOOLS RECOGNITION PROGRAM

by Sheila Hollihan-Elliott

If you attended Audubon Everglades' January 2017 monthly meeting, you learned about the fascinating history and diverse programs of Florida Atlantic University's Pine Jog Environmental Education Center. Pine Jog's relationship with Florida Audubon goes back over 50 years, from its establishment in 1960 as one of the first centers of its kind in the country to its evolution into a nationally recognized demonstration center in the field of Environmental Education.

At that meeting, Lauren Butcher told how Pine Jog developed one of its most innovative and dynamic programs, the Green Schools Recognition Program, which serves over 120 "Green Schools" and 100,000 students in Palm Beach and Martin Counties each year. A school is recognized for enhancing school grounds, school sustainability, curriculum integration, community partnerships, and administrative support through training in green education concepts and management.

Since the program's inception in 2008, Audubon Everglades, under then Education Board Member Susan Snyder, has been a staunch supporter, funding a special Audubon Everglades "Judge's Choice" Award each year and providing numerous volunteer judges. The 10th Annual Green Schools awards and banner presentations will be May 16 at the FAU Kaye Auditorium, where Doug Tallamy will be Keynote Speaker. ([Click here to attend May 16 evening special event with Doug Tallamy](#))



# The Carolina Migrants

by Sean Borak



Photo: The Carolina Homestead

“You need to get at least 3 days’ supply of food!”

I was on the phone with my sister discussing the winter storm coming in the early January evening. She was telling me to stock up. I had thought doing this sort of thing was now in my distant past after having lived in Florida with hurricanes my whole life. Being a Palm Beach County native, I was kind of surprised to be still dealing with this.

“At least you have gas to keep you warm and cook warm food!”

Ah, yes, maybe it is an upgrade from hanging out with the mosquitos in the day and croaking frogs through the night under a humid blanket. I was in for a new kind of reality. The forecast called for an inch of snow, but the locals in the area were relying on a part-time meteorologist on Facebook who does construction work during the day. Hunter Ward was predicting 5 to 6 inches of snow for our area.

Somehow, I did not believe him, but I did not want to be sorry later. So, I got at least 5 days of food before the storm. Then I had to get Noah from school. While he was in the school pickup line outside, the snow started

floating down slowly. He was excited about the snow and had a big grin. When we got home, it continued to snow. An hour later, the ground was completely covered, and it got dark early. In the morning, it was a winter wonderland. I went out and measured how much it had snowed, since it looked like more than an inch. It was 6 inches! Hunter was right.

School was canceled that day, and Noah was busy using his new spotting scope from Santa. I asked him what he had seen so far. There were House Finches, Cardinals, Robins, Downy Woodpeckers, Goldfinches, and more. We even saw a Pileated Woodpecker swoop by later in the day. I caught Noah looking through the Kaufmann Field Guide to Birds of North America. “Is that your favorite guide so far?” I asked. He responded that he didn’t know. He was looking at it for the Yellow-rumped Warbler and the American Goldfinch. The plumage of our Goldfinches looked different since they were not in their bright yellow suits, but in their winter plumage. Seeing the contrast of the birds with the snow makes their colors even more vivid.

I remembered visiting Sweet Bay Natural Area in Palm Beach Gardens just off Beeline Highway a while

back. It was in the middle of the day, and there wasn’t much going on bird-wise. Noah and I checked out the area and did the small sidewalk trail. We saw three Sandhill Cranes out in the grassy field that seemed to be playing a game of hide and seek with each other. As we continued the trail, we saw an Eastern Bluebird perched on a branch of a pine tree. It was such a beautiful bird, and we really had a nice chance to look at it since it stayed up there for a while. I never forgot that moment.

Here in North Carolina, Eastern Bluebirds are everywhere. I read somewhere that it should really have been the state bird rather than the Cardinal. I must agree. Hardly a day goes by that Noah and I don’t see one. People love them here. If people have a feeder in their yard, chances are they have a Bluebird birdhouse, too (we have three).

School ended up being canceled for the rest of that week since it stayed freezing and the snow was very slowly going away. The roads in most of the area were not salted in time. Getting cabin fever, we finally broke out of the house in the car when it felt safe to do so. I ended up over at the local Cracker Barrel for dinner to get a break from canned goods with Noah and his grandmother. As I was sitting down and appreciating the nice fire in the big fireplace, I remembered something important and panic struck.

“We have to go back home, I didn’t put out the fire in the fireplace!”



Photo: Noah releasing an Eastern Bluebird

**We are changing the dates of our membership year. 2018 members will receive 5 additional free months.  
The 2018 membership year runs from January 1, 2018 - May 31, 2019. Join Friends of Audubon Everglades today.**

# JOIN AUDUBON

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

There are two ways to join Audubon Everglades:

**FRIENDS OF AUDUBON EVERGLADES MEMBERSHIP:**

All your membership dues and contributions are put to use supporting local conservation projects and educational programs in Palm Beach County. You will receive 12 issues of the Kite newsletter, priority for some special trips and discounted rates at some events and vendors. Join using the PayPal link off our website or by mailing the attached membership application. The Audubon Everglades Kite newsletter is available by email only.

**NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP:**

includes membership in Florida Audubon and Audubon Everglades plus one year of the Audubon magazine. Join online at Audubon.org by selecting JOIN. Or send a check for \$20 per person along with your address and email to National Audubon Society, PO Box 97194, Washington DC 20090-7194. Your NAS membership does not grant you the special privileges and discounts afforded to those that are local Friends of Audubon Everglades members. If you choose to join us through National Audubon Society, please also consider becoming a Friend of Audubon Everglades to support local conservation and education initiatives.

**Yes, I want to become a member of FRIENDS OF AUDUBON EVERGLADES**

**Join now using PayPal. Go to [AudubonEverglades.org/membership](http://AudubonEverglades.org/membership) to complete the application.**

Or, complete this form and mail your check to: Audubon Society of the Everglades, PO Box 16914, West Palm Beach, Florida 33416-6914

Please check one: ☐ \$25 (Single) ☐ \$20 (Student) ☐ \$20 (Senior) ☐ \$35 (Household\*) ☐ \$75 (Patron\*)

Please feel free to give above the membership amount with a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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\*If you selected Household or Patron Membership, please provide the names of all members living at the same address.  
(2 adults and children under age 18)

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